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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

OUR WOMAN'S COLUMN

If you would be respected and happy, mind your own business.

"A very dainty feature of the new millinery will be one of the lingerie hats which were worn to some extent last summer.

Books are the windows through which the soul looks out. A home without books is like a room without windows. No man has a right to bring up his children without surrounding them with books if he has the means.

Fashion's decree that smart women must wear gloves of elbow length without a wrinkle has brought into vogue a new pattern bracelets to hold the glove in position, called a slave bangle, and medical men prophesy a large increase in diseases of the circulatory system.

The value of the whistle in music is beginning to be appreciated, and in many places it is taught as other music is. Boys should learn to whistle, and so should girls. They can whistle splendidly and should not be denied the privilege, even if some antique Miss Vinegar does shake her head and talk about tomboys.

Girls, beware of manish ways. Interest yourself in a man's doing by all means; but not too much. Retain your natural womanly ways and modesty, while showing what a good chum you can be to the man who interests you. By so doing, you are sure to win his love and affection, for it is such a woman that men like best of all.

Married women are great in their opinions. They will have a feeling of pity for the bachelor, and nothing but contempt for the old maid.

Secretary Bonaparte wants the United States to build the biggest battle ship in the world. Isn't this desire of the secretary's likely to cause more trouble for the British and Garman taxpayers?

"This idea that the wearing of wings, breasts and other feather ornaments on women's millinery necessitates the wholesale slaughter of birds is all bosh," said a New York manufacturer. "Our features all come from poultry dressed for table use. We take bales of feather, sort them, dye them, brush them, curl them and work them up into whatever is wanted, and not a bird's life is sacrificed."

The reason women are more unhappy than men is because they persist in making mountains out of mole hills, while the men are content to let the little world pass by. There would be more contentment among the sex if they'd over some of the small worries of life and pay more attention to the small details of dress. Why be troubled because Mrs. S—has a stunning new hat which you cannot afford? Put new braid on the bottom of your skirt and "forget it."

The growth of the rug habit is one of the interesting developments of domestic economy. The rug fills a long-felt want. To-day a full floor carpet is rarely seen in cities. Carperts are still sold, but they are not made up to fit rooms. They are fashioned into large rugs to cover parts of rooms and smaller rugs are scattered over the outlying territory, so to speak. The rug is sightly, it is hygenic and it is a boon to the housekeeper who no longer has to labor with broom or carpet sweeper, but rolls up the rug and hands it out to be shaken while she goes over the polished floor with a damp cloth. Thus the rug and the floor can easily be kept clean while the tacked-down carpet could not be.

A few drops of lavender in a silver bowl or ornamental dish of some kind, half-filled with very hot water, and set in the dining room just before dinner is served, gives a delightful and intangible freshness to the apartment. Hostesses often put a small vessel in the parlor and dressing rooms when arranging the house for a festivity. The suggestion is especially valuable to the hostess in a small apartment, which sometimes in the bustle of preparation becomes stuffy.

Society leaders of New York and Boston scorn the "Horrid Red" postage stamp. What could possibly be more incongruous and displeasing to the cultured eye than an envelope of a delicate lavender shade, addressed in delicate script and bearing in the upper right corner a flaming red stamp?" remarked a lady who is enrolled in the upper ten class a few days since. The objection to the 3 cent stamp of purple color is the protrait of Andrew Jackson which adorns it. Jackson was never noted for his beauty of countenance and the postoffice department evidently in obtaining the likeness of the former president dug up a portrait that depicted him in a most disheveled condition. While the color is reasonably satisfactory, the frowzley-headed Jackson gives to the envelope a grotesque appearance that is very objectionable. However, the post office department will continue to issue our 2-cent stamp in red only, although the use of 3, 4, 5 and 6 cent stamps by high society is cordially approved.

The most lovable girls in the world are those with a sunny disposition. A few people like the quiet thoughtfull girl; and others the girl who is perpetually vivacious and bubbling over with spirits. But every one likes the girl with the cheerful, sunny disposition. Girls of this character are never extravagantly boisterous or dismal by quiet; they have a pleasant smile for every one. They never seem troubled or worried, their voice is low and musical and their smile—be they pretty or not—is always sweet. The only trouble that the sunny-tempered girl has is the outcome of her popularity. Every one wants to talk to her, and be in her company. Young men are attracted to her without effort on her part, for her character shows itself so plainly in her actions that young men are so delighted at the cheeriness and sympathy of her nature that they are drawn to her at once. For every reason, then, the girl with the sunny disposition, who smiles away the troubles of life, is a favorite. And, what is more, old people are just as charmed by her as are those of her own age.

THE FARM, GARDEN AND DAIRY

Short Pungant Paragraphs Gathered Here and There

An orchardist in Oklahoma raises 25 different apples on one tree.

Almost anybody would get sick and tired of the same things to eat the whole year round. The horse does, too. Vary his ration by giving him a nice warm mash, not too thin once in a while. It will help to keep his bowels regular; and taste good, too.

During a series of revival services in Southern Minnesota, the farmers' telephones were put to good use. Connections were made with a big megaphone receiver near the pulpit and the services could be heard for miles around by all who had telephonic connection.

Governor Hoch of Kansas, tells a story that always strikes the right spot with the farmers. One time a merchant put up a blackboard in his store and asked the customers to write their names on it and opposite tell what they were doing for humanity. A lawyer wrote, "I plead for all." A doctor wrote, "I prescribe for all." A preacher wrote, "I pray for all." An old farmer walked up, wrote his name, scratched his head awhile and then wrote, "I pay for all."

John H. Dorris, one of the wealthiest and most successful farmers of Saline County, Ill., just retired who owns a large farm northwest of this city, does not allow a bird of any kind to be killed on his land—hawks, crows and blackbirds not excepted. He has set aside a number of acres which he allows to grow up in underbrush, in which all kinds of birds, especially quail, find a home throughout the Winter, and in the Summer the place is alive with them. Mr. Dorris claims that hawks do very little damage in comparison wth the good they do in killing field mice and rats. There are hundreds of quail on his farm, and they are so tame that they come to the dooryard for food.

Don't hurry, don't worry, don't starve yourself, don't overeat. Have plenty of fresh air day and night. Sleep eight hours out of every twenty-four. Work hard and be cheerful.

AN EASTER PICTURE OF HIGHEST MERIT

An Easter picture that fits the occasion is one of the timely features provided for the delectation of buyers of the Sunday *North American* for April 15th. Nearly all of the articles and pictures in the paper for Easter Sunday breathe the Easter spirit, but the one that will appeal most strongly is a handsome lithogravure of a little girl surrounded by rabbits—the child's Easter animal.

To give to the artist a full and perfect expression of his work, the printers have done the picture in ten printings, getting into the composition every shading of color that can be produced by mechanical means. The result is a delicate, finished reproduction, even more attractive than the wonderfully faithful original.

The Gibson picture series will be continued on Sunday April 22d.

The circulation of the Sunday *North American* has increased over 30,000 copies in the last sixty days. Next Sunday will be larger than ever. See your newsdealer and place your order now.

NEW YORK FASHIONS

Evidently, mohair braid has had it's day, and while a few, rather small shapes appear, trimmed by wreaths of flowers, preference is given to chips, Leghorns or panamas. Some large evening hats, trimmed with maline and ostrich plumes, are still of Neapolitan weave, but its continuance is a matter of conjecture. A large number of roses pressed closely together, composing an entire crown or front of a hat (devoid of a single green leaf) with many ribbon loops rising high toward the back or numberless soft puffs at the side, and an equal number under the brim, is considered the acme of style.

Beautiful Combinations

and not unfrequently, glaring contrasts mark Easter millinery, as for example on a green straw, large red roses are used—blue and pink are in conjunction, or red

and blue. Colored straws are very stylish, and the mixture of shades may be imagined, when profusely trimmed with flowers of various kinds. A mammoth bow of flowered ribbon is often the only trimming on a straw, set at one side, with a Rhinestone buckle at the centre. A unique garniture is a pair of manufactured wings joined and placed on a flat shape; and so large that they cover the crown and brim.

Thanks are due the McCall Co., makers and designers of Fashion, for stylish illustration accompanying this article.

The Eton is More Aggressive

than ever, consequently a fluffy front is imperative, and especially necessary that it should be of a durable material. With this end in view, embroidered white silk waists are first choice with connoisseurs, as they give a peculiarly elegant finish to dressy costumes. The newest and most beautiful are seen at Lord & Taylor's, in "shadow embroidery," combining novelty, elegance and beauty of finish. Very sheer silk waists with lace yokes, in either black or white, are useful for ordinary wear, but are by no means high-class affairs.

This Will be a Parasol

as well as a ribbon season, and handwork, whether painting or embroidery, indicates the expensive and fashionable parasol. Hand embroidered linen has almost put to flight the ruffled chiffon or lace parasols, and even a silk embroidered (machine work on silk) parasol is quoted at fourteen dollars, while a hand-embroidered linen sells for thirty-five.

Low Shoes and Fine Stockings

The low shoe and Ethiopian double-foot hosiery, thoroughly satisfies the fashionable woman who desires the combination of a fine mesh and also durability. The strong point of these new stockings is the double weave of the whole foot, except the instep and upper stocking, which are exceptionally fine and dainty in appearance.

Recent Openings

of imported gowns show no great superiority to those of domestic manufacture. Princess styles are confirmed, nine out of ten have the bodice skirt, and very short bolero jacket, and the variety of ornamentation on these gay little affairs is really interesting. Braid, buttons, lace, chiffon appliques, embroidery, narrow, contrasting vests, all go to make up the note of novelty. The blouse front still makes quite a respectable showing, as to conceal true outlines seems the first object in dressmaking.

Skirts of Thin Fabrics

are very wide, and tucks, insertions, folds, or appliques are all acceptable garniture. Heavy laces particularly Irish or crochet and other varieties seem to weigh down fine net or chiffon foundations, and just at present gossamar laces appear to be laid aside. Lace coats are very striking, some quite long and sloping away at the front, others are confined at the waist, with a three quarter skirt and slight blouse front. Lace boleros, capes of all shapes and sizes, will give distinction to simple costumes, and lace bodices almost made up of passementerie and beads, will be very effective over plain, thin silk waists.

LUCY CARTER.

ANTHONY HOPE'S NEW ROMANCE

Anthony Hope, the famous author, who wrote "The Prisoner of Zenda" and other stirring romances, has just completed a new romance, "Sophy of Kravonia, or The Woman of the Red Star." It is full of soul stirring interest and is declared by all critics to be better than "The Prisoner of Zenda," which made Hope famous. This wonderful story begins publication exclusively in *The Philadelphia Sunday Press*, April 22d. On this day *The Sunday Press* will also give away, absolutely free, a fine art supplement picture, size 14x21 inches, entitled "The Masqueraders," printed separately in six colors on heavy paper. Be sure and get *The Sunday Press* on April 22d, and each Sunday thereafter, to read this great romance. Notify your newsdealer or carrier to reserve your paper, as the demand on this day will be enormous and late callers may be disappointed. Such great value in a Sunday newspaper is unprecedented, and yet it's the great *Sunday Press* that always leads in giving the people the best of everything.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE

Little Paragraphs That will Interest Every Member of the Household

It cost Chicago $40,189,960 to run the city last year.

Why is it, men and brethern, that the less a man knows the smarter he thinks he is?

An electric locomotive is now built which will haul a train of 250 tons at 70 miles an hour.

About 200 oysters would be required daily to supply sufficient nourishment for one person.

"Fortune knocks once at every man's door."

"Fortune is a knocker, all right."

John Barry, an Irishman was the first commodore of the American navy, a wonderful sea fighter and a true patriot.

When a man's advertising shows that he is thoroughly interested in his business, his business will become interesting to others.

The head of an Eskimo family gives his doctor a fee as soon as he comes. If the patient recovers, it is kept; if not, it is returned.

A small boy being asked by his teacher to name the principal occupations of the United States, answered: "Manufacturing and grafting."

President Roosevelt has appointed Frederick W. Whittredge of New York as special ambassador to represent the United States at the wedding of the King of Spain.

A Pennsylvania collector of internal revenue destroyed 77,000 bad cigars. It will surprise a lot of economical smokers to learn that a cigar even gets too bad to smoke.

There are some easy stunts in this busy world of ours, among the very easiest and most commonly put on exhibition is that of preaching of the right things to do and then to go and practice something altogether the opposite.

The American people, it is said spend $3,000,000 more annually for chewing gum than for foreign missions. And the figures would be even more startling but for the fact that most of the girls can make one piece last a whole week.

Those of our readers who have relatives and friends in foreign countries, and most of us have, will be pleased to know that a reclassification of mail for foreign countries has been established, whereby artieles may be sent to these countries at the rate of 12 cents per pound. The weight of the package must not exceed four pounds or the value of fifty dollars. It has formerly cost $1.60 to mail a four pound package which we can now send for 48 cents.

At the age of 80, Simon Hendricks, of Los Angles, Cal., went a-wooing and married a senorita aged 21. When he was 81 his first child was born. When he was 96 his seventh child was born. Now, aged 99, he breaks two ribs while at work and is recovered. Hendricks is a brick mason of that city and will be 99 years old on April 29. He says that he has smoked tobacco and drank liquor most of his life. He was born in Somerset, Ky., April 29, 1807.

The idea of converting an unsightly back yard, strewn with ashes and tin cans, into a little bower of fragrance and beauty is one that appeals to the imagination and affords health giving exercise as well as an infinite amount of pleasure and happiness. The average householder devotes more or less time and energy to the front of his premises, but the rear too frequently becomes the dumping ground for the refuse from the kitchen, and the result is the unhappy combination of a Queen Anne front and a Mary Ann rear yard.

One of the lessons taught us by Easter is this fact: Too often men think of historical Christ, and let go the essential truth of a Christ that lives and reigns. The weakness of the church is due largely to the multitude to realize this. The world is not to be saved by maxims. The only hope is in a living Christ; a Christ so living within us that we will become an embodiment of his teachings, a personification of his sympathy and love. When the world sees Christ so manifested in us, then it will listen to his voice, and in him the world will find the answer to its anxious problems.

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WHAT THE NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY STANDS FOR

—The scientific, reconstructed baking industry, whereby the goodness and nutrition of Biscuit and Crackers have been marvelously enhanced.

—The new method of protection by which all dust, dirt and moisture are completely excluded from the package and the freshness and goodness of its contents are carefully preserved.

This is the trade mark which appears in red and white on each end of the package as an absolute pledge both of the quality of the baking and the purity of the packing.

INTER SEAL

For example try **Graham Crackers**—so different from the ordinary graham crackers—different in baking—different in flavor—different in packing. More palatable—more satisfying—more nutritious. Made of the purest Graham flour and baked in a manner understood only by the National Biscuit Company.

Does your baking powder contain alum? Look upon the label. Use only a powder whose label shows it to be made with cream of tartar.

NOTE.—Safety lies in buying only the Royal Baking Powder, which is the best cream of tartar baking powder that can be had.

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ARBITRATE

The proposition made by the anthracite coal operators Wednesday brings both parties to the dispute over wages in the anthracite region to a common agreement as to arbitration.

They differ as to the issues to be submitted to the arbitrators. They agree as to the wisdom and necessity of arbitration. Three years ago they reached this conclusion after half a year's struggle. They reach it now before a strike and not after.

This is an advance. The public will expect and has a right to expect that this assent on both sides to arbitration as a principle will be followed by an agreement on both sides as to the details of the arbitration.

No one expects the miners to accept the proposition of the operators without change, any more than the operators accepted the proposition of the miners without change. Negotiation must follow. But no difference over the details can be permitted to prevent agreement. The operators have made their concession in accepting arbitration. In deciding the subjects to go before the arbitrators the miners must make their concessions.

The essentials at issue are those presented by the operators —wages and the constitution of the Conciliation Board. To these two, additions may be made or their staments may be modified; but these are the final issues between the parties.

On the "closed shop" or the exclusive employment of union men in the mine, the Anthracite Commission passed before. It condemned. It cannot reverse this decision. It should not be asked to. Neither can it beasked again to pass on the proposition that the operators shall be required to deduct union dues. No past decision should be reviewed. It will take long enough to pass on wages.

To the date for the proposed agreement, three years, 1909, the miners should agree. It is fair to both and to the public. No one can justify injecting this dispute into a presidential year.

This leaves little to adjust. Operators and miners should come together without delay. The great public of consumers has a right to demand this. Neither party will be forgiven if its objections prevent arbitration, and if either does it will be overwhelmed with public indignation.

NO TWO CENT RAILROAD FARE

Governor Warfield has settled the fate of the several important railroads bills passed by the Maryland Legislature. He vetoed the bill requiring railroad to make a two-cent-a-mile rate and also vetoed the bill providing for the free transportation of certain State officials. In explainings his dirapproval of the latter measure he said : I veto this because I don't think the railroads should haul me or any other State official free. I have no favors to ask of any corporation and I am willing to pay my fare." Of the Two-cent-a-mile bill the Governor said: "I investigated this bill very thoroughly, and, in my judgement, its passage would have worked a hardship on a great many poor people. It would not apply to big roads like the Baltimore & Ohio as it would to smaller roads like the Maryland & Pennsylvania. Had the bill become a law I was assured that the railroads would have been compelled to raise the rate on commuters and would have been prevented from issuing cheap excursion tickets on special occasions. If two cents a mile had been the maximum charge it would also have been the minimum.

LETTER TO I. T. WILSON

Middletown, Del.

Dear Sir: People asked how many square feet a gallon will cover. Depends on conditions of building.

There is a great deal of lying on this point. The stock claim of lying paints is 300 square feet, two coats. It's a lie, as a rule.

Devoe covers 300 to 500, our agents think. We think 300 too low and 500 too high; though doubtless, they both occur.

How much the other paints cover is equally doubtful; we guess 100 to 400.

The truth is found in another comparison. Devoe is all paint, true paint, strong paint, and full-measure; the other in general are, at the best, diluted, adulterated and short-measure. They cover according to body and measure. You can't paint with clay lime chalk sand barytes water or air—no body in them. Go by Devoe. Yours truly

F W DEVOE & Co

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FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Announcement to the Voters and Tax-Payers of Middletown:—

Electric light and town water we take for granted are two necessities or luxuries, as you may regard them, that you want to enjoy here in Middletown. These improvements to our town are bought at a price and the price has its share to do with the assessment of your property and the raising of a tax.

The tax is levied and is paid with your dollars. The vital question, is therefore, are you enjoying these improvements at as little cost and by the payment of as few of your dollars as is possible. This uncertainty has recently aroused no little interest in this community, more discussion, and some newspaper comment concerning the management and the method of operating the light and water plant by the Light and Water Commissioners of our town, and lead to an impromptu meeting of representative citizens of our town Saturday evening, April 8th, and it was decided to nominate a ticket in opposition to the present Light and Water Commission to be voted for at the election to be held on Monday, May 7th, and we, the undersigned, were selected as the candidates to take the places of W. A. Comegys whose term has expired, and John S. Crouch, who is filling by appointment, the unexpired term of John A. Jolls.

We are not only tax-payers, but we have shown by our interest that we always have been interestered in the material prosperity of our town. We do not and we have never considered the present members of the Light and Water Commission other than fair minded and honorable gentlemen, but we do differ with them in some particulars relative to the management of the affairs of the Light and Water Commission, we are free to admit.

The fact that they are so persistent, and have been since the creation of this position, to retain control of this organization among them, we deem sufficient reason for the tax-payers to insist upon a change.

We promise, should we be elected, we will faithfully perform the duties of the said office without any compensation whatever, further than the pleasure we may derive by constantly working with your interest as tax payers in view.

If it is impossible for you to personally cast your vote at this election, or if you have given your proxy to another and have any question as to whether it will be voted for your interest, it is your privilege to recall it, and with your interests solely in view, we urge your doing so. Respectfully submitted,

Jos. C. Parker,
William Brockson.

A FEW QUESTIONS

April 22d, 1906.

MR. J. R. HOFFECKER.

DEAR SIR:—As a party interested in the welfare of our town, I have been reading the communications in the TRANSCRIPT and was particularly impressed with your letters. I congratulate you upon your courage and bravery to ask the questions you have and sign your own name. To me it shows that as one interested, (and who shouldent be if the tax-payer isn't) and only ask to find out whether the statements are correct. I am sure if these commissioners are having their fight and water free, they should be willing to acknowledge it, yet to me it does not seem to be the right thing, if they say they are giving their services without compensation, which I believe the charter says they should do.

Can you tell me why it is the tax rate of Middletown is higher than any other town on the Peninsula. Our school tax is also greater. Do you know of any way we could get the rate of taxes of our towns, so we could have them published in our local and city papers before our tax is levied? if so I wish it could be done, so we could have a showing as to our standing. If there is nothing exceptionor to be derived from serving as a Commissioner, why is it there is such an effort to solicit our proxies, that certain people may be elected?

Hope you will pardon me for writing such a lengthy letter I intended only to compliment you.

Hoping that some light may be thrown on these dark objects. Remain yours, &c. TAX-PAYER.

ED. TRANSCRIPT.—The above letter as you see displays deep interest in our town doings, and, its tone is very pertinent. I could, perhaps, give some information, as coming from a source yet to be made public later on, (which I do not wish to do) but will withhold the same for the present and refer the lady writer of the above letter to the Commissioners, viz:

S. C. Biggs, President of the Board.

W. A. Comegys, Secretary of the Board.

Or Mr. "Fair Play," the Commissioners man defendant.

As the lady very truly says, if there is no emolument why should a man go around soliciting proxies with which to elect himself? Any seeker after position can answer this. J. R. HOFFECKER.

CALL FOR COMMITTEE

State Chairman L. Heisler Ball Thursday night issued a call for a meeting of the Republican State Committee to be held on Friday, April 20, when the proposition for harmony submitted by the Union Republican State Committee will be considered.

It is expected that the overture for party re-organization will be accepted conditionally, as the Regular Republicans look with favor upon the proposal for common primaries to elect delegates to a re-organization covention.

Just what conditions of its acceptance will be remains to be seen, but they will apply to the apportionment of nominees for Congressman and state officers among the three counties, and also provide that New Castle county shall have one United States Senator and Kent or Sussex county the other in event of Republican succes in the future.

Some down-State Republicans visited Wilmington Thursday and called on T. Coleman duPont and Charman Ball, before the committee meeting was fixed. Cornelius P. Swain and Representative John T. Vandenburg of Bridgeville, and George E. Smith of Laurel, were among the callers. Mr. Swain and Mr. Smith are members of the state committee.

[Communicated.]

THE TOPICK UV THE HOUR

MISTER EDDITUR:—Thare iz the old Harry to pay—it seems as if sum people can't mind thare own bizness nohow, heer is a lot a gentlemen who hev given thare services to the town fur a good menny years, and now suddenly sumbody's got jealus and think thay hev had a soft snap and thay want sum of it too. This here feller they call Citizen has bin saying sum pritty hard things I tell you—I don't believe he kin back them up though. Another feller called Fair Play he tried his hand at fixing up things, Well, he just played smash in general. Mister Jeems R. Hoffecker just smashed him, did you ever hear such a right-down good rake-down in all your life as he give Fair Play?

Now right on top uv this excitement comes what? I'll tell you, but don't give me away for the luve of Peter. Thare was a *secret* meeting of the Reformers an' Allegaters at J. C. P.'s office, I heer, Saturday night the last thare ever wuz—an' thay made a ticket (sum of them air very anxious fur an office, you know) and air hunting proxies whatever thay bee—and they are agoin to raize Cain ginerally, turn the town upside down. I've bin noselin around and I can tell Mr. Hoffecker that the Light & Water Commissioners duz pay fur there light and water an don't ask enny help from enny body. Oh! the pot is boilin and the fur may fly. Thats fun fur the onlooker, and thats me.

HAYSEED.

PENINSULA PARAGRAPHS

A Centreville canning firm has contracted with farmers for 200 acres of tomatoes at $8 per ton, $2 more than last year.

His hand caught by a saw at Seaford sawmill Friday, Henry Lloyd had three fingers so badly lacerated that amputation was necessary.

Delaware River shad fishermen complain that a large dredging machine off New Castle is destroying their nets causing a heavy loss.

The Dover District Epworth League Cabinet has arranged for a sub-district convention to be held in Camden M. E. Church, Thursday, April 26th.

The prospects are favorable for a big crop of peaches. The trees are not yet in bloom, but are filled with live buds. It is not believed they will bloom before the middle of the month when danger from frost will not be great. Frost at that time is, of course to be feared, as the crop last season was destroyed about April 18, a very cold snap with frost following a heavy rain. Spraying this Spring to kill the San Jose Scale on the peach trees has been more extensive than ever before. The farmer realizes that spraying is essential if one wishes to continue in the peach business.

Figures which have been compiled here show that the three adjoining States of New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware, during last season, produced and packed more than one-half the tomatoes conserved and offered on the markets of the United States, though the demand for this staple canned goods far exceeds that of any other table commodity. The discovery that this section of country so largely contributes to feeding the entire North American continent with its teeming millions of poor people, is, therefore being advanced in the grange meetings as a reason for conservative action between the growers and the packers. Many of the farmers have refused this year to contract with tomatoes packers but have determined to grow tomatoes for the open market.

"Y and E"

SECTIONAL

Bookcases

The man who has only a dozen books needs a bookcase, but he doesn't need one that will take up the whole side of his room, The "Y and E" Sectional Bookcase may be adapted to any space and is easy to move—simply detache the sections—a boy can put them up. I am sole agent for this section.

General line of **Furniture.**

CARPETS, WINDOW SHADES

UPHOLSTERING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

Funeral Director and EMBALMER.

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Middletown, - Delaware

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Nov. 2, 1905

Upon the application of Edward Hart, Administrator of Caesar Brinkley late of Appoquinimink Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and povided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the Twenty-ninth day of Nov. A. D. 1905 and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the said Administrator on or before the Twenty-ninth day of Nov. 1906, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

EDWARD HART, Administrator

Address, Townsend, Delaware

Sheriff's Sale

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Als Lev Fac to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the Gilpin House Hotel in the town of New Castle, New Castle Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware,

ON MONDAY,
THE 23d DAY OF APRIL, 1906,
At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

the following described Real Estate, viz:

All that part of the following described piece or parcel or tract of land situate lying and being south of certain Public Road leading from Christiana Bridge in the village of Christiana, County of New Castle and State of Delaware to Elkton, to-wit.

Beginning at a new corner stone in a line of land formerly of William McMaken deceased being a corner of land sold and conveyed by Benjamin Whiteman and wife to Henry Williams and Richard Bayard; thence with said McMakens line and with a twenty feet wide Road south eighty-five degrees east eighty-seven perches and eight-tenth of a perch; thence south fifty-two degrees and a half east eighteen perches; thence south twenty-six degrees and a half east fifteen perches to the Public Road leading from Christiana Bridge to Elkton; thence and crossing said road diagonally south fifty three and a half degrees west one hundred and sixty-nine perches to a corner at or near Leatherwms Run; thence along said road south twenty one and one-half degrees east forty-two perches and five-tenths of a perch to another corner at or near the said run; thence crossing the same and the aforesaid road north eighty-five degrees and a half west one hundred and forty perches to a corner marked tree; thence north three degrees and three quarters of a degree east by a line of marked tree twenty two perches to a new corner stone in the said land sold to Henry Williams and Richard Bayard and in Inskips line; thence by Bayard's land the following lines, viz: north seventy-seven degrees east one hundred and twenty-four perches to another new corner stone; thence north twenty-seven degrees and thirty minutes east forty-six perches and four-tenths to the place of Beginning. Containing in the tract herewith and hereby intended to be conveyed fifteen acres be the same more or less excepting thereout a certain small lot hereinbefore sold and conveyed to Henry Bayard Waterman.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Mary H. Whiteman mortgagor and tt. now Mary H. Krenson and to be sold by

HARRY I. GILLIS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Del., April 5th, 1906.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY.

In the matter of the petition of John McGowan, Executor of the last Will and Testament of Rosanna Kerns to have mortgage made and executed by John Croughan unto The Germania Building and Loan Association No. 2 a corporation of the State of Delaware and recorded in Mortgage Record M. Vol. 5, page 338 marked "satisfied" on the record thereof. No. 125 Feb. Term A. D. 1906

And now to-wit, this Eighth day of March A. D. 1906, petition and affidavit filed, and on motion of William S. Prickett Esquire, Rule granted upon The Germania Building and Loan Association No. 2 to show cause if any it has why the mortgage hereinabove particularly referred to shall not be marked satisfied on the record thereof returnable on Monday, the Twelfth day of March A. D. 1906, at 10.00 o'clock, A. M

And now to-wit, their Fifteenth day of March A. D. 1906, on motion of William S. Prickett Esq., it is ordered by the Court, that the above Rule be continued to the May Term A. D. 1906 of this Court and that a copy thereof be published by the Sheriff of New Castle County in a newspaper of said County once each week for four successive weeks.

In testimony that the above is a true copy of the Rule granted in the case there stated, as the same remains of record, I hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the said Court, this Eleventh day of April A. D. 1906.

[Seal] FRANK L. SPEAKMAN, Prothonotary.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Lev Fac to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the Gilpin House Hotel in the town of New Castle, New Castle Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware,

ON MONDAY,
THE 23d DAY OF APRIL, 1906,
At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

the following described Real Estate, viz:

All that certain tract, piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in White Clay Creek Hundred aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stone on a line of land of J. & D. Pogue; thence north forty-two degrees east five (5) perches to a stone; thence north by lands of Joseph N. Troth forty-five degrees west twenty-two perches to a stone at the root of a chestnut tree; thence north eighty degrees east along the line of George Johnson's land eighty-one perches to a stone; thence by said Johnson's line north eighty-seven degrees east to a stone the same being in line with William Balton's land; thence by his line south forty-two and one-half degrees west fifty-one (51) perches to a stone in the line of the lands of Thomas Reese; thence by said Reese's line south seventy-two degrees west thirty-eight (38) perches to a stone in line of lands of J. & D. Pogue; thence by said Pogue's land north two degrees east twenty and six-tenths (20.6) perches to a large dead white oak tree; thence by said Pogue's land north seventy-three degrees west thirty-one (31) perches to the first mentioned stone and place of Beginning. Containing within the above described bounds twenty one acres and eighty-one perches of land be the same more or less.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Charles I. Kent, Administrator of William W. Starr and Joshua Starr, deceased and Lincoln H. Merrihew, Administrator of Charles Starr, Emma McCall and Eliza Jane Wells, deceased and tt. and to be sold by

HARRY I. GILLIS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Del., April 5th, 1906.

PROPOSALS!

BOARD OF STATE SUPPLIES, DOVER, DELAWARE.

Sealed proposals addressed as above and endorsed "Proposals for printing and supplies" for printing the Corporation Laws, Election Laws, State Auditors' Report, State Treasurers' Report, Insurance Commissioners Report, Report of the State Board of Agriculture, Register's, Books of Qualified Voters, Certificates of Registration and other printing and Stationery and for supplies for the use of the several State Departments, will be received until 1.30 o'clock P. M. on the 10th day of May A. D. 1906.

Specifications and blank proposals may be obtained at above office on or after April 19th, 1906.

Samples of proposed printing and supplies, where specifications refer to samples; may be seen at said office.

The proposals must be accompanied by a certified check for ten per centum of the amount of bid payable to the Secretary of said Board.

Only those proposals made upon the blanks furnished by said Board will be entertained.

Right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

JOSEPH L. CAHALL.
Secretary of Board of State Supplies.
April 10, 1906.

NOTICE!

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.

THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:

Whereas, Elizabeth S. Willis by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Harry P. Willis.

[Seal]

We, therefore, Command You, as you were heretofore commanded, That you summon Harry P. Willis that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty first day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Elizabeth S. Willis according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Twenty-eighth day of March A. D. nineteen hundred and six.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN.
Issued April 4, 1906. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.

THE STATE OF DELAWARE,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Alice Saunders by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Leander L. Saunders.

[Seal]

We, therefore, Command You, as you were heretofore commanded, That you summon Leander L. Saunders that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-first day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Alice Saunders according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Twenty-eighth day of March A. D. nineteen hundred and six.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN.
Issued April 4, 1906. Prothonotary

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.

THE STATE OF DELAWARE,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:

Whereas, William P. Young by his Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Lucealia C. Young.

[Seal]

We, Therefore, Command You, as you were heretofore Commanded That you summon Lucealia C. Young that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday the Twenty-first day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, William P. Young according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Twenty-eighth day of March A. D. nineteen hundred and six.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN.
Issued April 4, 1906. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.

THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:

Whereas, Daniel M. Jones by his Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Bettie A. Jones.

[Seal]

We, Therefore, Command You, as you were heretofore Commanded That you summon Bettie A. Jones that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-first day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Daniel M. Jones according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

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BY J. L. HARBOUR

Queer how love acts in some folks, now ain't it?

I was so accustomed to the irrelevancy of Mrs. Puffer's remarks that I was not at all surprised to have her project this question into a conversation bearing upon Mr. Puffer's peculiarities in the choice of food and what she called his "fool trick" of pouring molasses over mashed potatoes and sprinkling pepper on watermelon.

I tell him that if the question of his being crazy or not ever comes up and I tell about that mashed potator-and-molasses trick he'll be dubbed loony all right, she had said, and then had asked the question in regard to the unexpected way in which love finds expression in some natures. It was always easy to carry on a conversation with the loquacious Mrs. Puffer, for the reason that she rarely expected any reply to her questions. She either answered them herself or continued the conversation without waiting for a reply. She chose the latter method on this occasion, and said as she poked at the clothes boiling on the laundry stove:

Yes, I do think that this business they call love cuts up mighty queer capers in some folks, or makes them cut up until there's ground for suspicioning that they ain't all right in the upper story. When you hear of some of these old ladies along in the seventies taking up with young things in the twenties and marrying of them and calling it a love match, it makes a body feel that it would of been a good thing if that match could of went out before it was lit. And when a girl of eighteen elopes with a man whose granddaughter of twenty-seven summers follers them to try and head them off, it makes good what I said at first that it's queer how love acts in some folks.

But I have an idee that a good many things are laid onto Cupid that he ain't responsible for, for often there ain't no Simon pure love about merriages nowadays—more's the pity. I sometimes tell folks that I married for love and I'm working for riches. It is a good deal better way than to marry for riches and then go to work to win love. That sort of thing works about like marrying a drunkard to reform him, and that is the beateree in the line of pure tomfoolery. I've seen it tried more times than I've got fingers and thumbs, and twice I've been one of the witnesses when the divorce trials come off. It usually ends not only in broken hearts but in broken heads or in some other part of people's anatomy being cracked or broken by the objeck of affection that didn't reform flingin' furniture around permiscuous like. Did I ever tell you about Puffer's Aunt Perliny Moone?

I think not, Mrs. Puffer.

No? Funny if I've left her out of the Puffer pedigree. I reckon she's the only one I've skipped in the year I've been doing your laundry work. She was a case, Aunt Perliny was. It was a case where Cupid cut up in a way that he ort to of been ashamed of—the little rascal! This Aunt Perliny of Puffer's lived in a little town something like five hundred miles from here. Her and Puffer writ to each other mebbe once a year, an' I've often told Puffer that he ort to write oftener seein' that his Aunt Perliny was thought to be worth all the way from three to four thousand dollars an' there wasn't but six or seven direct heirs beside Puffer; but he said that if he did go and waste a lot of paper and postage on her she'd be just as apt as not to leave what she had to some orphan asylum or home for aged an' indignant ladies. Wills are like merriages—you can't tell how they're goin' to come out. There's turrible s'prises in both. Ain't that right?

I am afraid it is.

Anyhow, both of them are responsible for a lot of blasted hopes. But about Puffer's Aunt Perliny. I never laid eyes on her until something more than two years ago, an' my idee of her was of a fat, comfortable sort of an old body fond of her rocking-cheer an' with her mind fixed a good deal more on what she was goin' to git to eat than on love.

I never misjudged a person more in my life. Fat? She was as thin as the man I've heard of who complained that he was so thin that when he had a pain he never could tell whether it was in his back or in his stummick! Did you ever? An' as for settin' in a rocking-cheer rocking, she never set in a cheer of that kind at all, because she said ladies was apt to show their ankles when they rocked; an' no lady ever did that. An' as for her having a natchrel old woman fondness for falling to and eating everything there was on the table, and wishing there was more, she just picked a little at this an' a little at that an' left most of her victuals on her plate.

Puffer knowed her age to a day, an' she was sixty four years, three months, one week and three days old the day she got to our house. She was the old-maidest-looking thing you ever laid eyes on and she was dressed in colors becomin' only to a young girl. She'd worked about every color in the rainbow into her hat or dress or cape. The cape was of red velvet of a shade that would have given a turkey gobbler apoplexy or made a bull plow up half an acre of ground with his horns.

Then she had on a blue and green and yallow plaid dress trimmed with purple fringe that I have an idee she'd ripped off some old parasol. Her clothes were all made in the fussiest, funniest way; and she had on one of these scalloped false fronts that look as if they was in one piece cut out of black injun-rubber, with a white line painted down the center for the parting. Does any woman in her right mind think that anyone believes that a thing of that kind is her own hair growing on her own head? Then her black hair was all in little stringy grayish curls a little below her shoulders, and an old-fashioned round comb with red glass beads on it was a sort of a dividing line between the injun-rubber front an' her own hair. She had on a cameor breast pin as big as a saucer and one of these bead collars that ain't been fash'nable since before the Civil War.

Queer lookin'? Don't talk! I ain't one to set duds above goodness and all that, but when I see her I thought to myself that if I had to show her around the city I'd prefer to do it after dark and steer clear of the strong 'lectric lights even then. She had on a string of gold beads, and her watch chain was made of about fifteen strands o' coral beads, and she had on bead bracelets and a beaded belt. She run turribly to beads. Now what you reckon brought Aunt Perliny five hundred miles to the city?

I haven't the least idea, Mrs. Puffer.

Love!

Love, Mrs. Puffer?

She gave the clothes in the boiler a final jab, threw back her head and laughed shrilly before saying: Yes, love—or what passed for it. She had come trapesin' all the way from her home to meet her 'inamority,' as she called him. La! she had it bad. I never saw a lovesicker person I guess love is like the measles—the older one is the harder they have it. Seemed so with our Aunt Perliny. Yesterday I come across the letter she wrote us telling us she was comin' to the city, and I just slipped it into my pocket, thinking I'd show it to you to-day. You read it."

She handed me a letter written on pale pink note paper with blue ruling. At the top of the sheet was stamped a pair of blue hearts pierced with a gilt arrow. An odor of musk greeted my nostrils as she handed me the sheet of paper. Mrs. Puffer gave a little sniff and made a feint of holding her nose while she said:

I'd as soon scent things with Limburger cheese as with musk. No wonder she never got married if she'd used musk all her life!

A glance at the letter revealed the fact that it had been written by a somewhat illiterate person.

It read as follows:

MY DEAR NEPHEW—I take my pen in hand to wright you a few lines to say that I am well and I hope you are enjoying the same Blessing. I desire also to informe you that I expect to make you a vissit next week leavin' here at ten in the morning and thankful to have you meet me at the trane there.

Well, you will be wundering why I am coming so far from home and I suppose you will be surprised to know that Matrimony is the cause. Yes, my dear neffew, strange as it may appeer, your ant is about to enter the marridge Relation with one she has learned to love, respeck, and admire and also of some means. Well, so it is, but of this more anon and later when I see you. I can tell the full particulars better than I can write them, suffishent to write say that I am very happy in His affeckshun. Well, *He* lives there and We may ask the favor of having the sirimony performed at your house if agreeable. It will be as *He* wishes my feeling being that it is a honor to obey the wishes of the man of one's choice

He whom I adoar
My law shall be,
His wish my own,
And thus forever happy we.
(origina)

You see I still rhyme some on occasion, and what occasion so appropriate as this? So for the present no more from

YOUR ANT
PERTLINA MOONE.

And her sixty four when she wrote that! said Mrs. Puffer when I handed the letter back to her. Soon as I read that letter I changed my mind about her bein' one of your fat, comfortable old ladies content to rock and eat and sleep and gabble. Them kind don't drop into poetry nor fall in love along toward seventy—not on your life they don't! But I really wasn't prepared to see such a sight as Aunt Perliny was when I met her at the train, with her red-velvet cape and her beads fairly rattlin' and her black false front slipped away over toward one ear, and her rainbow hat toppled over toward the other ear, and her false teeth such a bad fit you could of run a knife-blade between her upper teeth and her gum, and the red paint a good deal thicker on one cheek than it was on the other—poor old soul!

If ever a body showed by their looks that they was flappin' a no-surrender flag in the face of old age Aunt Perliny was that misguided human critter She even tried to laugh like a young girl, and it was enough to freeze the blood in a body's veins to hear her. She'd caught on to this silly high-hand shake, and she came at us with her hand on a level with her totterin' hat. I reckon she thought that would be showin' us that she was up to city ways. After poor little Puffer had almost stood on tiptoe to reach her hand, for she was a head taller than him, she turned to me and says:

An' is this my niece Susy?

Think of callin' me 'Susy'! me close on to sixty and weighing a hundred and eighty-four! Well, if the word 'kittenish' ever applied to any woman it applied to our Aunt Perliny, and a kittenish woman of sixty-four is enough to make a sensible person either swear or weep or turn sick to one's stummick. Puffer done the first and I done the last that day. And I reckon her beau felt like doin' all three when his gaze rested on her for the first time. Ever hear of a mattermonial bureau or agency?

Oh, yes. I am sorry to say that such things are permitted by law, Mrs. Puffer.

They shouldn't be, ma'am. And these mattermonial-advertisement papers ought to be run out along with the bureau they represent. I ain't one that feels that weak-minded people should be allowed to make fools o' themselves, if they want to, speshly when it comes to the young. They ought to be protected from their own foolishness in the interest of good morals. Don't you think so?

Indeed, I do.

Even a silly old body like Aunt Perliny oughtn't to be allowed to make a fool of herself by law when public morals is affected by her doing so. But I'll be standin' on a wash-tub givin' out a hymn an' preachin' a reg'lar sermon if I ain't headed off pretty soon. When I started out to say was that our Aunt Perliny had got hold o' one o' these matrimonial advertising sheets called 'Wedding Chimes' and had got to correspondin' with a man advertisin' for a wife, an' the upshot of it all was that they had become engaged. And her sixty four! Would you believe it possible?

[TO BE CONTINUED]

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Nov. 2, 1905

Upon the application of Edward Hart, Administrator of Caesar Brinkley late of Appoquinimink Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the Twenty-ninth day of Nov. A. D. 1905 and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must presen the same duly attested to the said Administrator on or before the Twenty-ninth day o Nov. 19 6, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided

EDWARD HART,
Administrator.

Address, Townsend, Delaware

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7th, 1906.

IT is remarkable what a number of excellent arguments can be advanced in favor of almost any form of rate bill and how by the same process of reasoning each bill presented can in turn be shown to be so faulty as to be scarcely worth a second thought. Another thing equally remarkable is, that everyone in the House and almost everyone in the Senate admits the necessity for rate regulation. None dare deny it. Yet the stoutest opponents of legislation can all of them produce bills that logically are all right while all other bills are logically all wrong. Now Senator Filkins has always been classed, rightly or wrongly, as a champion of the railroads and one of the strong, "opposition senators." Yet in his speech on the rate bill this week, he declared he was one of the warmest supporters of the President's plea for a square deal. He presented a bill that as he explained it, seemed to have a number of advantages over anything else produced, always excepting Senator Newland's bill, which goes to the foot of the matter at once but is too radical for Congress to think of passing for a few years yet. Senator Elkins in coming out for a bill of his own said that while he was classed as a railroad man, he had ten times the interest in shipping that he had in carrying. Of course anyone can accept Senator Elkin's statements at their face value or not just as they please. Yet what he said was that he was opposed to the Hepburn bill because it did not go far enough. He said there were wrongs, abuses and discriminations by the railroads and he wanted to see them stopped. But he said the Hepburn bill would not stop them. He said that he wanted a bill that embodied a court review with the right of the court to suspend any rate fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission but compelling the railroads to deposit the amount of money in dispute with the court pending the decision on the order. But what he said was particularly anxious about was a distinct prohibition against the railroads producing or dealing in the commodities they carried. This he admitted was prohibited by the decision of the Supreme Court in the Chesapeake and Ohio case, but he wanted it specifically stated in the act. He was also in favor of compelling the railroads to put in switches and make connections with lateral lines on a reasonable basis. Also he wanted the bill to compel the carriers to make a fair distribution of cars and to provide for prompt connections and a prorating agreement with connecting line. All this coming from one who is classed as a railroad senator, sounds very fair. It was a more liberal proposition than had been expected from him. Now the question remains, was Mr. Elkins talking in good faith and was he as much in harmony with the President's ideas as he professed to be. If he was not, where was the "joker" in any of his proposed amendments?

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What purports to be the true story of Ambassador Bellamy Storer's recall from Vienna is going the rounds in diplomatic circles and if it is the true explanation, merely shows that he was not the first man in public life to have his ambitions wrecked by a desire on the part of his wife to play at politics. It seems that while the Storers were diplomatically accredited they spent a good deal of time in Rome and while there Mrs. Storer conceived the idea of having Arch Bishop Ireland created a cardinal, thus making two cardinal's in America. There was another party of Americans of whom Mr. Philbin of New York was one, who wanted a second cardinal over here but who were backing Archbishop Farelly of New York. The matter was brought to the attention of the President and he said that while he was a warm admirer of both prelates and while he would be glad to see any of his friends in the Catholic, Methodist or Episcopal Church, and he had friends in all, get a promotion, he could not as the President takes any part in suggesting action to Rome. This was a very natural and proper position for the President to take. But the matter was discussed by the high officials in Vatican circles and they decided that the President did not seem to be particularly interested in either appointee. So the matter was dropped. The result has been that a second American cardinal has not yet been appointed. This made Mrs. Storer very indignant and she lost no opportunity to make trouble for the Administration. There was the case of Consul Hurt who was dropped from the service. Both Ambassador Storer and his wife wrote some very acid letters on the subject criticising the Administration. For this the Ambassador was sharply called down. The breach widened and the Storers left their post in Vienna and went to Egypt. The Ambassador sulked and for about three months failed to answer the letters of the President of the Secretary of State. Matters finally reached a stage where the President was forced to write his Ambassador that he could either go back to Vienna, answer the letters that were addressed him or resign. Mr. Storer chose the latter alternative and the post has been filled by a new appointee. But it all shows how a woman playing with politics can make a mess of it just like a man.

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REGISTER'S ORDER.

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF WILLS, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., NOV. 29 1905

Upon the application of Joseph C. Jolls and John A. Jolls, Administrators of John W. Jolls late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrators aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript a newspaper published in Middletown, Delaware, and to be continued therein two months.

Seal

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Twenty-ninth day of November A. D. 1905, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Administrators, on or before the Twenty-ninth day of November, 1906, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

JOSEPH C. JOLLS,
JOHN A. JOLLS,
Administrators.

Address, Middletown, Delaware.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF WILLS, New Castle County, Del., Dec. 4th, 1905

Until the application of Howard A. Pool, Administrator of Clarence Cochran, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in The Middletown Transcript a newspaper published in Middletown, Delaware, and to be continued therein two months.

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Given under the hand and seal of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Fourth day of December A.D. 1905, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Administrator, on or before the Fourth day of December 1906, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made add provided.

HOWARD A. POOL,
Administrator.

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